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Invention: MANAGING APPARATUS AND METHOD

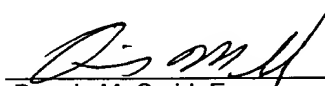
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 22, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-3, 6-8 and 10-13, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: